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RUNTIME FOR GROUPING SETS, ROLLUP AND CUBE OPERATIONS IN

SQL QUERY PROCESSING

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2008, which was made final, subsequent to the filing of a Notice of Appeal, and prior to the submission of an Appeal Brief, please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application.